shops of 1110 which were granted towards the end of Medam 1111. Most of the shop keepers took advantage of it and it is towards the payment to others who did not take advantage of it that the supplementary demands were moved.

Thachu Sastra Pandit—Trichur Trades School—appointment of.

96. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether a 'തച്ചു ശാസ്ത്രപണ്ഡിതൻ' had been recently appointed in the Trichur Trades School;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, who is the individual appointed, what is his age and what are his general and special educational qualifications?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) Yes.

(b) Venatt Narayanan Namboodiri —Age 20. He is well versed in Malayalam, Sanskrit, Astrology and Thachu Sastrom, and knows a little of English also.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know what was the provocation for the appointment of this young Thachu Sastra Pandit?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—There was no provocation at all. So far as the qualification is concerned there is no special qualification prescribed. He was one of the applicants. The Committee that made the representation thought he was a desirable man to be appointed. They made the recommendation and the Government accepted it.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—May I know whether he has got practical experience in Thachu Sastram?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—I am not in a position to say.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—Is practical experience necessary?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—I do not think that it is necessary. Much of theory is necessary.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Is it the science of Carpentry?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—It is the Sastraic side of Engineering.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—So it is an Engineer who has been appointed?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether there was any inducement for that appointment?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—I do not understand that question.

Debt Conciliation Boards—northern Taluks—constitution of.

97. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any special reason for not constituting Debt Conciliation Boards in the Taluks of Chittur, Talappalli and Trichur;

(b) whether they have no idea of starting Boards in these Taluks?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) and (b). Government want to see how the scheme works and so a Board has been constituted as an experimental measure for the southern taluks. It is the intention of Government to bring the whole State under the scheme if the experiment now started is found to be beneficient and successful.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether in the matter of getting this urgent relief to the hard hit agriculturists of the villages are we to be at the mercy of the working of the Conciliation Board here through the persons whom you have appointed—there is absolutely no insinuation?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—The position was sufficiently explained the other day.

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—In view of the motion having passed may I know whether the Government will maintain the same position or whether they will reconsider the matter?

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